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### MEMORANDUM NO. 2010-126

**TO:** School District Superintendents  
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**SUBJECT:** Federal Racial and Ethnic Reporting Requirements for 2010-11

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### INFORMATION TO SHARE

In December of 2007, the US Department of Education (USDE) published final guidance which requires all state agencies to collect and report racial and ethnic data in accordance with new standards issued by the Office of Management and Budget beginning with data reported for school year 2010-11. This guidance can be found in the Federal Register at <http://www2.ed.gov/legislation/FedRegister/other/2007-4/101907c.html>.

The final guidance allows individuals to self-identify their ethnicity and race, and permits individuals to select more than one race and/or ethnicity. This change authorizes individuals to more accurately reflect their racial and ethnic background by not limiting responses to only one racial or ethnic category, and expands federal reporting options to seven categories. These seven categories are: American Indian or Alaskan Native, Asian, Black or African American, Hispanic/Latino, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, White, and Two or More Races.

What does this mean for Wyoming?

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) began collecting these new racial and ethnic categories from school districts beginning with data for the 2009-10 school year and began reporting these new categories to USDE before the required deadline.

If you have any questions about this guidance, please contact Shannon Cranmore at 307-777-6245 or [scanm@educ.state.wy.us](mailto:scanm@educ.state.wy.us).

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